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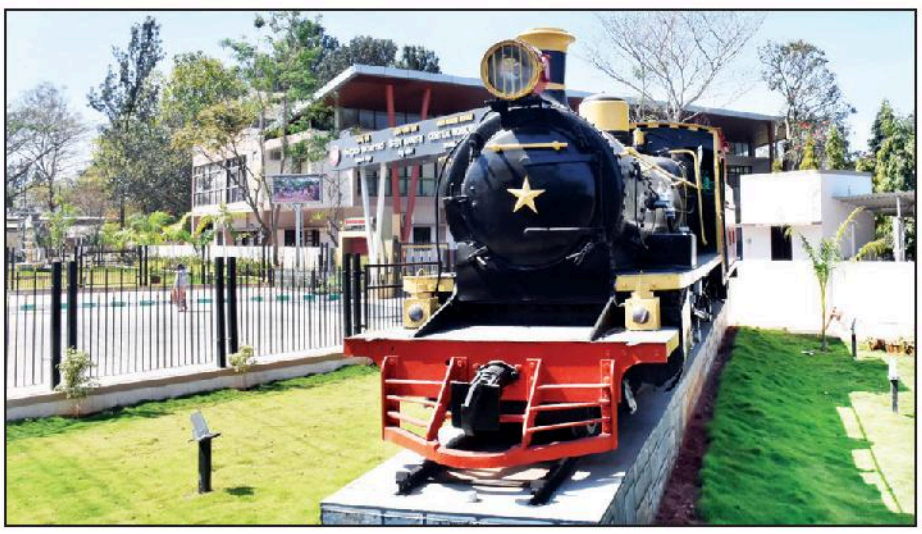
Ashokapuram Railway Station to open in March



An attractive vintage train at the entrance of Mysore Central Railway Workshop at Ashokapuram attached to the remodelled Ashokapuram Railway Station. Picture right shows new running lines and stabling lines at Ashokapuram Railway Station.

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (RK&BCT)- Ninety percent of the yard remodelling project at Ashokapuram Railway Station, undertaken by the South Western Railway (SWR) at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.5 crore has been completed. The station will soon unveil a fully equipped Railway Station with a myriad of passenger amenities, scheduled to open in March this year.

SWR Divisional Railway Manager Shilpi Agarwal informed *Star of Mysore* this morning that the ongoing works have progressed to the final stages, with only the completion of one additional platform remaining. "We have diligently developed a comprehensive and passenger-friendly project, and Ashokapuram Railway Station will soon become the second Railway (terminal) Station in Mysuru. This will significantly alleviate congestion at the main Mysuru City Railway Station," she stated.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha said that the Railway Station is slated to open to the public in March 2024. "Majority of the works have already been completed and a comprehensive inspection of the project will be conducted soon. The inauguration dates will be finalised in collaboration with Railway Board and Railway Ministry. The development of this station aims to address the capacity limitations of City Railway Station and enhance berthing capacity," he stated.

(See RAILWAY on page 6)

SOM impact

Missing rubber road hump with nuts and bolts SECURED

Following the publication of the letter titled** 'EXPOSED NUTS & BOLTS- Road hump near MCC Chief's house poses danger' **in yesterday's** Voice of the Reader **column of** Star of Mysore, **the authorities from the Mysuru City Corporation have swiftly addressed the issue. The missing rubber segment of the speed hump on the road leading to the MCC Commissioner's official residence in Yadavagiri has been replaced and securely fastened with bolts and nuts. The public has expressed gratitude to the officials for their prompt and efficient action.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 13th February 2024

NIE to host Illuminate 2.0 event on Feb. 17

K.S. Ramesh *Mukesh Raval*

Mysuru, Feb. 13 - The second edition of Illuminate 2.0 – a tribute to Engineering Innovation, an initiative by L&T Technology Services Limited and National Institute of Engineering (NIE) will be held on Feb. 17, at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convocation Hall.

The event is set to draw a diverse and distinguished audience comprising scientists, engineers, industry leaders, government dignitaries, academia, students and representatives from media. Illuminate 2.0 features eminent speakers such as **K.S. Ramesh, Senior Vice - President of Ather Energy,** who will decode the cornerstones of Ather Energy's Electric Vehicle Design and **Mukesh Raval, Advisory Specialist at Larsen & Toubro,** who will reveal the intriguing narrative behind the design and construction of the world's tallest statue - The Statue of Unity.

Abhishek Sinha, Chief Operating Officer and Board Member at L&T Technology Services said in a statement, "Engineering innovation plays a critical role in shaping our collective future. With Illuminate, our aim is to shine a light on the exemplary efforts of national trailblazers who are driving forward these technological advancements. Following a successful inaugural edition, both L&T Technology Services (LTTS) and NIE are poised to propel this celebration of engineering excellence to even greater heights."

Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal, NIE, said, "Illuminate serves as a platform for students to gain insights from leading practitioners who are redefining the global engineering landscape. Direct industry-academia engagement fostered by this event is invaluable for budding engineers. Collaborating with LTTS to drive illuminate towards what promises to be an enlightening second edition is indeed great."

In its inaugural edition in 2023, Illuminate featured *Padma Shri* awardee Dr. Mylswamy Annadurai, former ISRO scientist known as the 'Moon Man of India', and Sudhanshu Mani, the genius behind the conceptualisation of the revolutionary 'Vande Bharat' Express trains.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Love is founded on truth. This applies to the entire terrestrial manifestation. Only if we live truly can we love truly. Love blossoms in an atmosphere of truth; the knowledge of truth enriches our love. The love we secretly yearn for is not ephemeral; nor is it physical gratification. It is unconditional, beyond all attachment. True love has no ego. Absorb these words from the Mother, "So long as the ego is there, one cannot love. Love alone can love, love alone can conquer the ego."

We need to rise above our humanity to reach the summit of love. Climbing this mountain is impossible without surrender. We must be lifted, because our effort, though mandatory at the beginning, will never get us there. To attain love, we must be divinised too. It is our final destination. Once the soul sets its course, it will eventually be realised. It is a gradually unfolding yog. It instils well-being, not only for this life but future incarnations too.

Develop an atmosphere of love. The vibration is contagious. We manifest our truth when we reflect love. Repeat in front of a mirror, 'I embody true love,' and the affirmation will resonate within your deepest centre. It vibrates with your innate divinity, although the present reality may seem different. Allow the words to soak down into your subconscious and permit the seed to grow. We build this aura not for appreciation but because we want to express our deepest truth. It will eventually bring a radical shift inside. Watch for any sign of insincerity and offer it as you would for any other part of your ego. As love is the source of all existence, we are nothing but love, and it is our destiny to live it. — *James Anderson in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest balloon dragon assembled

Tai Po: A dragon sculpture made from approximately 38,000 balloons at a Hong Kong shopping mall was awarded a Guinness World Record.

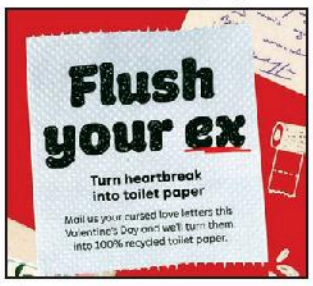
Balloon artists Sze Tai "Wilson" Pang and Kun Lung Ho led more than 60 volunteers in constructing the sculpture.

The finished dragon measured 137.04 feet long, earning the Guinness World Record for the largest balloon sculpture of a dragon.

The sculpture was created as part of Chinese New Year celebrations and will remain in place until the end of February.

The artists said the biggest challenge was to make sure the dragon remained in one piece without any kind of non-balloon support structure.

Company to turn old love letters into toilet paper


Flush your ex
Turn heartbreak into toilet paper
Mail us your cursed love letters this Valentine's Day and we'll turn them into 100% recycled toilet paper.

New York: A toilet paper company is offering members of the public the chance to have old love letters from their exes turned into recycled bathroom tissue for Valentine's Day.

Who Gives A Crap, a recycled toilet paper company that launched in 2012, announced its "Flush Your Ex" programme will turn old love letters into privy paper.

"Mail us those leftover love letters taking up psychic space in your sock drawer and we'll deliver them to out production facilities, where we magically transform their BS into TP," the company said on the promotion's website. "Because nothing says closure like knowing that someone, somewhere is putting those sweet nothings exactly where they belong," it added.

The company is accepting love letter donations mailed to its addresses in the United States, Australia and Britain. Letters are being accepted till Feb. 29.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Common risk factors of gastrointestinal cancers include smoking, excessive alcohol consumption, obesity, poor diet, inflammatory bowel disease, genetic predisposition and certain infections (hepatitis B, C for liver cancer).

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Elected as office-bearers

Mysuru, Feb.13- N. Manjunath was unanimously elected as the President and Sumithra as the Vice-President of city's Shalivahana Multi-purpose Industrial Co-operative Society Limited in the elections recently.

Also, the following were elected unopposed as Executive Committee members: K.P. Venkatesh, N. Vasudevamurthy, Vishweshwara, P. Nagaraju, M.G. Yeshwanthkumar, Muthushetty, T. Yathiraju and M. Nagarathna.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Today's level **91.26 feet**	Today's level **2,271.42 feet**	Today's level **2,831.40 feet**
Last year's level **112.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,270.66 feet**	Last year's level **2,828.87 feet**
Yesterday's level **91.32 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,271.50 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,831.43 feet**
Today's Inflow **419 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **101 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **207 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **765 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

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- ***If you live to age 70, your heart will have beat around 2.5 billion times!***
- ***Cat urine glows under a black-light.***
- ***Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Little Suresh: *Dad, I won't go to school from tomorrow. It is haunted.*
Father: *How can you say that my boy?*
Suresh: *Because the Principal always keeps talking about the team spirit and the school spirit !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.01
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.96
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.60
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.38

VOICE OF THE READER

Woes of Janahitha Sangha Layout, Bogadi residents

Sir,

We the residents of Janahitha Sangha Layout, Bogadi 2nd Stage, South Mysuru, falling under Wards 44 and 45 are deprived of the civic facility. The Main Road around 800 metres length, which has been dug for UGD line about six months ago has not been asphalted till date. Other roads which are falling under Ward 44 have been asphalted, but not this Main Road.

This Main Road is used by hundreds of houses in Janahitha Sangha Layout, CFTRI Layout, School Children Cabs and Senior Citizens. Situation is "Who is to bell the cat" since this road falls inbetween Ward 44 and Ward 45.

Now with the term of the MCC Corporators having been ended and our MLA hailing from Chamundeshwari Constituency being not aware of the area that falls under his Constituency other than during election season, may we request the authorities concerned to look into this and help the residents.

—N.D. Shreenivaas
Bogadi 2nd Stage
8.2.2024

Karnataka Chief Justice to visit city this evening

To inaugurate additional lifts at Mysuru District Court Complex; to virtually open Judges' residences at Hunsur, Periyapatna

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (SBD&BCT)- Chief Justice (CJ) of Karnataka High Court Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar will virtually inaugurate the residence buildings of the Judges of Hunsur and Periyapatna this evening. The event is being organised in the premises of the Mysuru District Court Complex, Malalawadi at 6 pm.

Following the inauguration of the new residential buildings, the Chief Justice will inaugurate the two additional lifts installed in the Mysuru District Court Complex. The event is being jointly organised by the Mysuru District Legal Department, the Public Works Department and the Mysuru Bar Association.

Karnataka High Court Judges Justice K. Somashekar, Justice Srinivas Harishkumar, Justice T.G. Shivashankaregowda and Justice Prabhavati M. Hiremath, Mysuru District Bar Association President M. Mahadevaswamy, Vice-President Puttasiddegowda, Secretary S. Umesh, Superintending Engineer R. Vinay Kumar and members of the executive committee will be present.

A brief profile

Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar was born on Feb. 25, 1962. He received his education at

Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar

National High School, National College, and BMS College in Bengaluru. Beginning his legal career in 1990, Dinesh Kumar commenced practice at the High Court of Karnataka under the guidance of Justice Shivaraj V. Patil, a former Judge of the Supreme Court. His tenure as an Additional Central Government Standing Counsel commenced in 1998, and he was appointed as Senior Standing Counsel in 2003. Throughout his career, he has held various significant positions, including Senior Panel Counsel for the CBI and Senior Standing Counsel for various Government entities.

Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar has contributed to the field of mediation, both as a practitioner and a trainer. He has represented clients in numerous landmark cases across various High Courts and the Supreme Court.

His judicial career began with his appointment as an Additional Judge of the Karnataka HC on Jan. 2, 2015, followed by his confirmation as a Permanent Judge on Dec. 30, 2016. He assumed the role of Acting Chief Justice on Jan. 25, 2024, and subsequently took office as the Chief Justice on Feb. 3, 2024.

Pro-Kannada activists plan 48-hour protest

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (BS)- Pro-Kannada activists will be staging a 48-hour peaceful protest condemning the injustice being meted out to Kannadigas by the Central Government and demanding for devolution of taxes due for Karnataka, from 10 am on Feb. 21 to Feb. 23 in city, according to a press release from journalist T. Gururaj.

NEWS BRIEFS

Acupressure, Sujok Therapy Camp

The Mysore District Nature Cure Federation, in association with Sri Arya Vysya Balaka Bhakta Mandali, will be conducting a 3-week long (21 days) Acupressure, Sujok Therapy and Digital Physiotherapy Treatment Camp from tomorrow (Feb. 14) at Sri Arya Vysya Balaka Bhakta Mandali, Sri Rama Mandira, Kotwal Ramaiah Street, Mysuru. The camp will be open from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm on all the days. For details, contact Mob: 98451-82716 or 78927-98768.

Power disruption in villages

As CESC will be taking up LILO arrangement works at 66/11KV Maradihundi and Ayarahalli Distribution Centres, there will be power disruption between 9 am and 6 pm in the following villages/ Gram Panchayat limits on Feb. 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 & 29 and Mar. 2: Hadinaru, Hadinaru Mole, Moodahalli, Mallarajanahundi, Tummanerale and Hoskote.

Also, due to works undertaken in Hullahalli 66/11KV Distribution Centre, there will be power disruption between 9 am and 12 noon tomorrow (Feb. 14) in the following villages/ Gram Panchayat limits: Hullahalli, Shiramalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Heggadahalli, Duggalli, Huskur, Kurihundi, Yalahalli, Valagere, Haratale, Mobballi, Gandhigrama, Byalaru, Madapura and Karya, according to a press release.

Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet

The Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mathadipathigala Goshti, in association with Bidugalu Paduvalu Sri Virakta Mutt, Saragur taluk, has organised a free Veerashaiva-Lingayat Matrimonial Meet on Feb. 25. Interested brides and bridegrooms of the community can register at the Goshti office located at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji Circle in Mysuru or at the Virakta Mutt in Saragur, with all documents before Feb. 20. For details, contact Mob: 99641-51105 or 94815-28665 or 94490-30588, according to a press release.

Short-term courses in food production

The city's Food Craft Institute, located in Dasara Exhibition premises, has invited applications from eligible candidates for admission to free one-month short-term course in food production. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2445388 or Mob: 63620-18821, according to a press release.

Plastic waste godown catches fire

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (RK&KS)- Plastic wastes stored in a godown on CV Road in Bannimantap, caught fire partially destroying plastic waste yesterday morning.

As soon as the fire was noticed by the godown staff and public, at about 10.30 am, they immediately informed the Fire Station at Bannimantap and over 30 Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who rushed to the spot, managed to bring the fire under control and prevented the fire from spreading further.

As a large crowd had gathered near the spot, NR Police had to disperse them to make way for fire extinguishing vehicles.

The estimate of the loss is yet to be calculated and it is suspected that short circuit led to the fire. But the exact cause for the fire is to be known.

CESC officials and staff inspected the spot and the jurisdictional Mandi Police conducted mahazar. MCC officials also visited the spot and inspected the precautionary measures taken at the gowdown besides providing suggestions and instructions.

Chief Fire Officer Jayaramaiah, Regional Fire Officer Chandan, District Fire Officers Gururaj, Ganganayak and K.G. Ramesh led the extinguishing operation.

Mandi Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Miscreants steal cash from parked car

Victim's bag with documents sans cash found near Gandhi Square

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (RK&KS)- Miscreants, who broke the glass pane of a car parked on Dhanvantri Road, have stolen a bag containing cash and documents in it and the bag containing documents was found discarded near Gandhi Square. The incident took place on Friday.

The person, who lost the cash, is Sujatha, wife of Vinod Kumar, an electrical contractor and a resident of Kuvempunagar in city.

On Friday at about 3.30 pm, Sujatha, who parked her car on Dhanvantri Road, went to the nearby medical store to purchase medicines. When she returned after sometime, she was shocked to see the window glass shattered. A few people told her that the glass may have broken due to heat following which Sujatha drove away the car without looking at the rear seat on which she had kept the bag.

At about 8.30 pm, a security guard found a bag containing documents near Gandhi Square and on inspecting the contents of the bag, the security guard found visiting card of Vinod Kumar and an Aadhaar card. The guard then called the mobile number mentioned in the Aadhaar card and informed the receiver about the bag he had found. It was only then the family members came to know that the bag had been stolen from the car.

The miscreants had thrown away the bag along with important documents in it and had taken away Rs. 4,000 cash in it. Happy that the documents were intact and safe, Vinod Kumar got the bag from the security guard and as it was night, he did not lodge a complaint with the Police and returned home. Meanwhile, Vinod Kumar's son Chiranth, speaking to *SOM,* expressed shock over the theft that too on the ever busy road and has advised the public to be careful besides stating that a complaint will be lodged at the jurisdictional Police Station.

Pug marks renew fear of tiger

Tiger suspected to have passed through a farm in Chikkakanya village, Mysuru taluk; Forest staff confirm the pug marks as that of a big cat

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (MTY&BS)- Two months after a tiger was spotted near Chikkakanya village in Mysuru, the fear of big cat has returned with the pug marks of the tiger found at a farm in the village.

Following an information from the farm owner, Forest personnel, who visited the spot, confirmed the pug marks as that of a tiger. The traces of the pug marks have been sent to Tiger Cell to verify whether it is that of the same tiger that was spotted two months ago or that of another animal.

However, going by the size of the pug marks that is big, it is suspected to be that of a fully grown tiger or tigress that had given birth to four cubs at Chikkanahalli near Sargur in Mysuru division after straying out of Bandipur Tiger Reserve, before they were separated. Four months ago, the one-and-a-half-year old tiger cubs had sparked fears when they were sighted in the outskirts of Chikkakanya. One of the tiger cubs, named as T-7 was camping near Chikkakanya, Doddakanya and surrounding villages. Recently, another cub named T-6 died after it was fatally knocked down by a car near Mysore Airport, on Mysuru-Nanjangud road, when it was crossing the road from Marase to Airport side.

On Dec. 28, 2023, the tiger cub named T-9 had been spotted near Bidrallihundi-Channahalli in Srirangapatna, Mandya, only to disappear mysteriously, giving rise to suspicions that the big cat may have returned to the forest. Following this, Forest personnel had stopped the combing operation, but had continued to create awareness among the villagers.

Now, with the finding of pug marks, Forest personnel have resumed combing operation. DCF (Mysuru division) Dr. Basavaraju said: "There is no eye-witness account about the sighting of the tiger at the farm in Chikkakanya. There is neither any information from the people, except for the pug marks of the tiger."

Obituary

Chandru

Mysuru, Feb. 13- Chandru (73),

former employee of Jawa factory and a resident of Vontikoppal, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this morning.

Alhaj Abdul Hameed

Alhaj Abdul Hameed (87), retired Superintendent, PWD and a resident of Bada Makan, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in city yesterday.

He leaves behind two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held this morning at Masjid-e-Umar Sha, Bada Makan, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Boy drowns after falling into water sump

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (MK&KS)- A five-year-old boy drowned after falling into a water sump at Ahalya village in Nanjangud taluk yesterday night.

Mithin

The deceased boy is Mithin (5), son of Beerappa and Shashikala couple, residents of Ahalya village.

Yesterday night, Mithin went near the water sump at the backside of the house to park his bicycle. As it was dark, he was unable to notice the cover of the sump open and fell into it and was drowned.

As Mithin did not come into the house, his family members searched for him and found him in an unconscious state inside the sump. He was immediately rushed to a private hospital in Mysuru where the doctors declared him brought dead. No case has been registered in this regard.

Man goes missing

Mysuru, Feb. 13- A 55-year-old man, who left his house at Kamanakere Hundi in the taluk on Jan. 27, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his wife at Mysuru South Police Station. The missing man is Narayana, son of late Chikkana. Those having any information about the missing person may contact Ph: 0821-2520040 or 2444800 or 2444955.

Narayana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah releases
MP Pratap Simmha's 10-year report card in city

64-point document outlines developmental initiatives in Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary Constituency since 2014

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha's 10-year report card was launched in Mysuru by Union Home Minister and senior BJP Leader Amit Shah during an event at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city on Sunday (Feb.11).

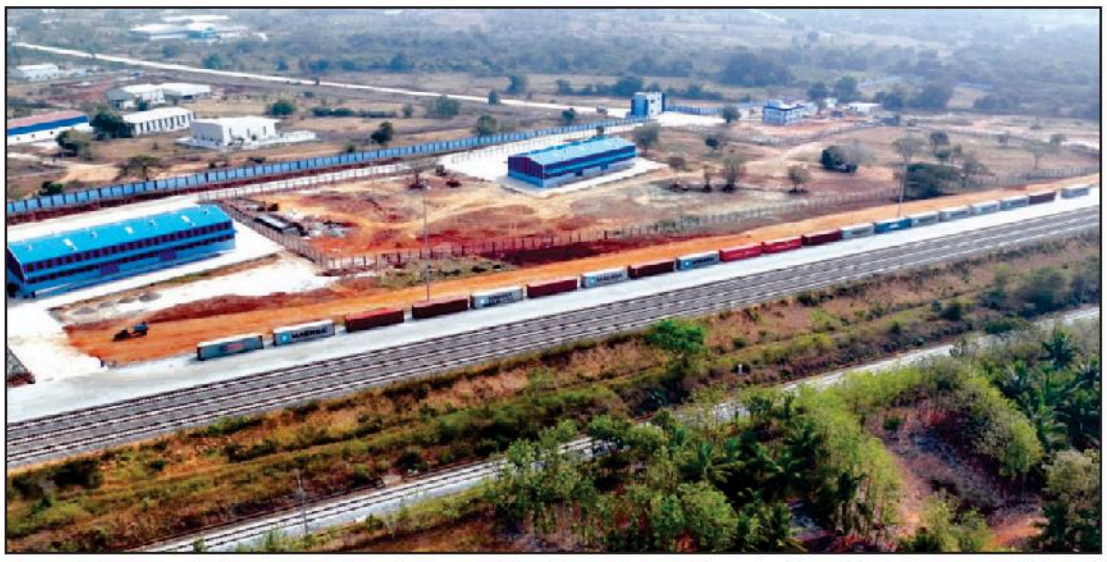
The launch event preceded the BJP Core Committee meeting, in the presence of key party figures including State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, Mysuru City BJP President L. Nagendra, Karnataka Election In-Charge Radha Mohan Das Agarwal and the Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly R. Ashok. MP Pratap Simmha was also in attendance.

The 64-point report card provides an overview of various developmental initiatives completed and ongoing within the jurisdiction of the Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary Constituency since 2014. These endeavours have significantly improved residents' quality of life and contributed to the region's overall economic advancement.

In the report card's introduction, Pratap Simmha noted the challenges faced upon his 2014 election to the Lok Sabha from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency: Despite boasting 12 engineering colleges and 83 degree colleges, job opportunities were lacking, industrial growth was stagnant, and new companies were not emerging.

He identified the inadequate connectivity to Mysuru as a major obstacle hindering its progress. Over the subsequent decade, he spearheaded initiatives to improve road, rail and air connectivity, alongside implementing schemes addressing drinking water provision and other crucial issues.

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah releasing Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simmha's 10-year report card in city on Sunday along with (from left) Mysuru City BJP President L. Nagendra, MP Pratap Simmha, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, Karnataka Election In-Charge Radha Mohan Das Agarwal and Opposition Leader in the State Assembly R. Ashok.



An aerial view of Inland Container Depot and Railway Goods Terminal that have been established on a 55-acre plot at Kadakola in Nanjangud, costing Rs. 102 crore.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway

Prominently highlighting the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, the report card noted that on Feb. 19, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the project at Maharaja's College Grounds in Mysuru. The following day, the PM allocated a budget of Rs. 6,400 crore for the endeavour. On March 24, 2018, Union Minister for Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone.

Despite challenges posed by COVID-19, the project was completed within four years, culminating in its inauguration on March 12, 2023. The realisation of this entire project occurred as PM Modi allocated Rs. 10,000 crore, with Rs. 3,539 crore for land acquisition, Rs. 5,090 crore for construction costs, Rs. 920 crore for additional land acquisition, and Rs. 762 crore for entry-exit and other facilities.

PM Modi has also laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new four-lane highway between Mysuru (starting from Paschimavahini in Srirangapatna, Mandya) and Kushalnagar, estimated to cost Rs. 4,130 crore. The project is underway and expected to be completed by 2025, as stated in the report card.

Mysuru Ring Road as National Highway

The 41.5-km long Mysuru Ring Road has been upgraded to a National Highway, with a total expenditure of Rs. 147.7 crore for widening and improvement. To illuminate the previously dimly lit Ring Road, 4,528 LED bulbs, 17 high mast lights, and 18 mini mast lights have been installed. Additionally, 6,000 saplings of various trees have been planted along the road's median, with support from the Forest Department, including 8,000 fruit-bearing trees in the avenue medians.

Infrastructure Projects

On the Ring Road in Mysuru, construction is underway for four road under-bridges valued at Rs. 76.09 crore. The piped natural gas project has been brought to Mysuru and works are on to provide gas connection to every household. Rs. 45.71 crore has been released to develop Chamundi Hill under the Central PRASHAD scheme. This apart, Rs. 60 crore has been sanctioned to clean the legacy waste at Vidyaranyapuram in Mysuru and the heritage buildings of K.R. Hospital are being developed at a cost of Rs. 89.5 crore.

The Mysuru-Nanjangud National Highway will be upgraded to a 6-lane road, and a railway underpass will be built at a cost of Rs. 45.35 crore near Crawford Hall. Furthermore, a new flyover will be constructed near the Royal Inn Junction in Mysuru, connecting to the KRS Road, with a budget of Rs. 62.30 crore. Rs. 356 crore has been released to develop the Mysuru City Railway Station and the Ashokapuram Station has been revamped at a cost of Rs. 37.5 crore. MP Pratap Simmha has also facilitated the introduction of 11 trains to Mysuru over the past 10 years.

An Inland Container Depot and a Railway Goods Terminal have been established on a 55-acre plot at Kadakola, costing Rs. 102 crore. Furthermore, ongoing works worth Rs. 319 crore aim to extend the runway of Mysore Airport.

Plans are underway to upgrade the existing airport to an international standard within the next 3 years. Additional funding has been allocated to the Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water project to alleviate the drinking water shortage in Mysuru.

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SUB : NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON REVISION OF TARIFF FOR FY-25 OF CESC MYSURU.

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited, Mysuru (CESC, Mysuru) has filed "**An application for approval of Annual Performance Review for the Financial year 2023 & Application for approval of Aggregate Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR)/ Expected Revenue from Charges (ERC) and Revision of Tariff for Financial year 2025 before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC)**"

The KERC has scheduled the Public Hearing on the following date, time, and venue to hear the suggestions/comments of interested persons. The summary of the tariff petition is already published in the newspapers. The details are available in the company's website https://cescmysore.karnataka.gov.in

Date and Time of Public Hearing	Venue
14.02.2024 Wednesday at 10:00 AM	Zilla Panchayat Auditorium, Mysuru

The interested persons are requested to attend the "Public Hearing" and submit their suggestions verbally or in writing to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Sd/- General Manager(Commercial), CESC, Mysore

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Remodelled Ashokapuram Railway Station to open in March

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Ashokapuram Railway Station — located at a distance of 5.2 kms from Mysuru City Railway Station on Mysuru-Chamarajanagar line of Mysuru Division — serves as a vital gateway for thousands of construction workers, students, office-goers and members of the general public commuting from rural areas in the Southern part of Mysuru.

Situated on the Eastern side of the Station are key thoroughfares such as Manandavadi Road, Visweshwaranagar and Pampapathi Road, facilitating connectivity to various South-Western neighbourhoods of Mysuru including Jayanagar, Kuvempunagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Srirampura and BEML Nagar. Earlier, people coming from these areas were forced to walk on tracks to reach Ashokapuram Station and catch trains.

The remodelled Ashokapuram Railway Station boasts a significant upgrade, featuring a total of 5 running lines, 5 platforms and 2 stabling lines. A brand-new Station has been constructed on the Western side, equipped with essential amenities such as a ticket counter, restrooms and foot-over bridges connecting all the platforms.

Additionally, two new platforms, numbered 4 and 5, have been added to accommodate increased passenger traffic. Another notable addition is the construction of a second entry building towards Pampapathi Road, along with the extension of foot-over bridges to seamlessly connect Entry-1 and Entry-2.

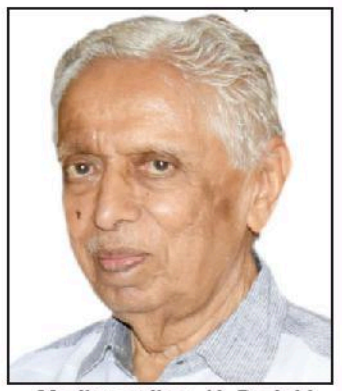
According to a note from SWR, provision of more platforms significantly alleviates congestion in the Mysuru yard and enhances operational efficiency. Ashokapuram Railway Station can now serve as the starting point for several trains, easing the extension of long-route trains from Bengaluru to Mysuru.

The development of the surrounding area around Ashokapuram, coupled with the establishment of a second entry point, will ensure convenient access for Railway users, enhancing overall accessibility and user experience.

New works are currently underway at the Station including the provision of full-length platform shelters for platforms No. 4 and 5, as well as the construction of a new platform No. 6, complete with a full-length platform shelter. These works have been taken up with an investment of Rs. 7.24 crore to enhance passenger comfort and safety, the note added.

A representation of Start-up India, an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, installed at the Ashokapuram Railway Station in Mysuru, where visitors can click selfies. Similarly, a couple of other selfie points are being set up at the remodelled Station. *[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Shanthala Theatre Founder M.N. Padaki passes away



Madhusudhan N. Padaki

Mysuru, Feb. 13- Madhusudhan N. Padaki (84), Founder of Shanthala Theatre on Narayana Shastri (NS) Road and a resident of Lakshmipuram, passed away yesterday night in city.

Popularly known as M.N. Padaki, he leaves behind his wife Parimala Padaki, daughters Veena, Vaishali and Vidya, sons-in-law N. Sriprakash, C.R. Hanumanth and M.G. Rakshit and a host of relatives and friends. He along with his younger brother Padmanabha Padaki, retired Principal of JSS Women's College at Saraswathipuram in city, were taking care of Shanthala Theatre (now closed).

A senior Vipra community leader, M.N. Padaki was also the Founder of Veena Finance Corporation, Mentor and Chief Patron of DRC Cinemas at B.M. Habitat Mall in Jayalakshmipuram, Founder-Trustee of Venkatachala Dhama on Chamaraja Double Road, also called as Bhagavatha Ashram and had served as Vice-President of Bidaram Krishnappa Rama Mandira on NS Road.

Body will be kept at his Lakshmipuram residence from 6 am to 10 am tomorrow (Feb. 14) for people to pay their last respects. Last rites will be held between 11.30 am and 12 noon at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

90 people hold Cabinet rank in Siddaramaiah Government

Attempt to placate dissenters and those sulking Legislators who missed Ministerial berth

Bengaluru, Feb.13 (DM)- Over the past eight months, the Siddaramaiah-led Congress Government in Karnataka has granted 'Cabinet rank' status to approximately 56 individuals outside his Council of Ministers, ostensibly to mollify dissenters or those disappointed over not being included in the Ministerial lineup.

Siddaramaiah

Cabinet rank bestows privileges such as a team of approximately 14 staff members, official housing, an office, a designated car with a Police escort, and an increased salary, at the Chief Minister's discretion.

Recipients of this status include Government advisers — spanning legal, media, medical, and even 'general' realms — as well as chairpersons of various boards and committees. Alongside the 34 Ministers in Siddaramaiah's administration, a total of 90 individuals hold Cabinet rank in the State. This status has been conferred upon 77 MLAs from the ruling Congress and 9 other non-elected representatives.

Following its victory with 135 seats in last year's Assembly polls, the Congress reinstated power in the State. Apart from Cabinet Ministers, Siddaramaiah appointed 77 MLAs and 4 MLCs as Chairpersons of Government-run Boards and Corporations and as Advisors to the Chief Minister, all with Cabinet rank status.

The Chief Minister has appointed nine Advisors, none of whom are members of either house of the State Legislature. These include Dr. H. Ravikumar as the CM's Medical Advisor, Brand Bengaluru expert B.S. Patil and NRI Cell Vice-President Dr. Arati Krishna.

A strain on finances

However, the appointment of such a significant number of Advisors is likely to strain the State's finances, particularly at a time of underwhelming revenue performance.

Against this backdrop, authorities at the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) argue that Heads of Boards and Corporations, chief whips, or Political Secretaries should not be granted Cabinet rank status. Despite these concerns, the Chief Minister has proceeded with the appointments.

Former Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has also criticised the Siddaramaiah Government's decision to appoint numerous legislators and non-legislators to positions with Cabinet rank status. Bommai pointed out that the Cabinet's size must not exceed 15 percent of the total Assembly strength, suggesting that the Congress Government has disregarded this rule by appointing a disproportionately large number of individuals to Cabinet rank positions.

Understand the significance and aspirations of Constitution: DC

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (MTY&DM)- Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra said that everybody should adopt the Constitutional aspirations after learning about it's significance.

He was speaking after flagging off the bike rally organised by the Social Welfare Department as part of 'Samvidhana Jagruti Jatha', near the Town Hall here this morning.

The month-long 'Samvidhana Jagruti Jatha' was launched by the Government in all the 31 districts of the State on Jan. 26, marking Republic Day.

Speaking after flagging off the rally, DC Dr. Rajendra said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has written in the Preamble on the purpose of the Constitution. Pointing out that the State Government has launched the Jatha with an objective that the Constitutional aspirations as explained in the Constitution should reach everyone, he said that the bike rally is aimed at creating public awareness about the Constitution.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the Town Hall premises. Social Welfare Department Joint Director Rangegowda and other officials were present.

Rider killed on Nanjangud Road

Mysuru, Feb. 13- A two-wheeler rider was killed when a goods vehicle hit the bike he was riding on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road on Saturday.

The deceased has been identified as M. Mahesh, a construction worker and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar in city.

Mahesh was on his way from Dadadakallahalli for work, when the goods vehicle hit the bike from behind resulting in Mahesh falling from the bike and sustaining serious injuries.

Though he was being shifted to a hospital, Mahesh is said to have breathed his last mid way, according to the Police.

Mysuru South Police have registered a case in this regard.

House burglars arrested

416 grams gold worth Rs. 26 lakh recovered, two-wheeler seized

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (KS)- City Crime Branch (CCB) Police have arrested two burglars and have recovered gold ornaments weighing 416 grams worth Rs. 26 lakh besides seizing a scooter.

Following a burglary incident reported at Vijayanagar Police limits, a special Police team comprising CCB officers and staff was formed to nab the burglars.

On Jan. 17, the CCB Police picked up one of the burglars on Ashoka Road and interrogated him. Based on the information provided by the accused, the CCB Police picked up another accused near Mission Hospital Circle on Feb. 10 and interrogated both the accused, during which the accused are said to have confessed of committing crimes.

Following the arrest, the Police have solved one burglary and one two-wheeler theft cases in Vijayanagar Police Station and one burglary case in Haveri Town Police Station.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and CCB ACP S.N. Sandeshkumar guided CCB Inspector M. Mohankumar, Sub-Inspectors Maruthi Antharagatti and Kiran Hampiholi, ASIs Asgar Khan and Jagadish and staff Salim Pasha, Ramaswamy, M.R. Ganesh, A. Umamahesh, Lakshmikanth, Prakash, Suresh, Mohanaradhya, Chandrashekar, Mahesh, Narasimharaju, Madhusudan, Shivanna, Govinda, Ravi, K.S. Mahesh, Mamatha and Ramya in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Obituary

N.D. Lakshnamma

Mysuru, Feb. 13- N.D. Lakshnamma (85), wife of late Bhadregowda and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away following a heart attack on Sunday in city.

She leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Jayanagar Burial Grounds yesterday afternoon.

Sale of 'Bharat Rice' launched in city

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (MK&BS)- Bharat Rice launched by the Central Government at the subsidised rate of Rs. 29 per kg recently was distributed under the leadership of former MLA S.A. Ramdas at Chamundipuram Circle in city on Monday.

Hundreds of people purchased the rice bags weighing 20 kg, by standing in queue, as the sale of Bharat Rice began in the city. In the coming days, the rice will be sold at supermarkets and through e-commerce networks that will be supplying rice to the doorstep.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas said: "During COVID-19 pandemic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Central Government had addressed the hunger pangs of middle class families and the poor by distributing rice for free at the doorsteps of the people. Now, the Central Government is distributing Bharat Rice on the same lines to facilitate quality rice to middle class families."

Continuing, he said: "It will be beneficial to those middle class families sans ration card. Even the farmers will benefit with Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their farm produces."

"Along with Bharat Rice, even wheat (Bharat Atta) and grams will be offered at a subsidised rate under the same brand. The public should utilise the opportunity," appealed Ramdas.

CWRC orders release of 5 tmcft water to TN

New Delhi, Feb. 13 (Agencies)- Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC) has recommended for the release of 2.5 tmcft (thousand million cubic feet) of Cauvery water, from Karnataka to Tamil Nadu (TN) in the months of February and March, totalling 5 tmcft of water.

CWRC came out with the above recommendation during its meeting held here on Monday, after hearing the arguments of Karnataka that there is a paucity of 52.43 percent in the inflow of water combining four dams from June 1, 2023 to Feb. 9, 2024.

It is not possible for Karnataka to release water from any of its reservoirs that can reach Biligundlu area during the period, asserted Karnataka in its argument.

In its argument, Tamil Nadu had demanded for the constant release of 2.5 tmcft of water from February 2024 to May 2024, apart from the backlog of 7.61 tmcft of water.

Finally, CWRC decided that Karnataka should ensure the release of stipulated quantity of water to Biligundlu, which connects Karnataka with TN, in compliance with the order of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) as per the modifications made by Supreme Court for the remaining period of February and March this year.

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'Gandhi Sadbhavana' and 'Adamya Chetana' Awards presented

Renowned poet Dr. Latha Rajashekar highlights adverse impact of human actions on environment

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (PM&DM)- Stressing on the importance to raise awareness about environmental conservation, renowned poet Dr. Latha Rajashekar stated that the future generations may condemn us if we fail to liberate mother earth from pollution.

She was speaking at the 'Gandhi Sadbhavana' and 'Adamya Chetana' Awards presentation ceremony, organised by Adamya Rangashaale at Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira Vivekananda Pre-University College premises at Jayalakshmipuram in city recently.

Highlighting the impact of human actions on the environment, Dr. Latha Rajashekar emphasised on the substantial suffering caused by air pollution. She cited the example of Delhi which is grappling with severe air pollution and mentioned that Bengaluru faces similar challenges with daily traffic congestion.

The poetess characterised environmental pollution and ecological destruction as global issues, urging everyone to contribute towards safeguarding our fragile environment.

Expressing concern about the escalating issue of plastic waste, she underscored the non-regenerative nature of plastic waste, contributing significantly to pollution. She underlined the critical need to prevent industrial wastes from entering water-bodies, highlighting the far-reaching consequences of water pollution on human lives, as well as aquatic animals and plants.

On the occasion, *'Mysuru Mithra'* columnist G.L. Tripurantaka, Founder-Secretary of Aniketana Educational Institutions in Mandya Dr. Ramalingaiah and President of Punyakoti Seva Trust Hanumantesh received 'Gandhi Sadbhavana' Award.

Additionally, H.S. Pranusha, a native of Mudigere studying in Mysuru, R. Kiran from Ramanagara and S.M. Ananya from Santebachahalli in K.R. Pet Taluk were honoured with 'Adamya Chetana' Award.

G.L. Tripurantaka expressed concern about society's increasing preoccupation with social networking and mobile phone apps. He urged people to break free from such addictions and engage in theatre, cultural and social activities.

Tripurantaka highlighted the responsibility of the current generation to pass on these meaningful activities to the next generation, emphasising that the Gandhi Sadbhavana Award heightened his commitment to the society and motivated him to contribute more to literature.

The event concluded with staging of 'Rangannana Rampaata,' a children's play based on Panchatantra stories by students of Adamya Rangashaale.

Hon. Secretary of Adamya Rangashaale Satish Jawaregowda, former Kannada and Culture Department Deputy Director M.G. Sadanandaiah, NSS Officer at JSS College of Arts, Science and Commerce N. Santosh Kumar and Founder-Secretary of Adamya Rangashaale Chandru Mandya were also present at the awards ceremony.

Octogenarian gets Ph.D degree

Dharwad, Feb.13- In yet another case where age is no bar for getting educational qualifications, an octogenarian of Dharwad has got a Ph.D degree at the age of 89 years.

Doddamani Markandeya Yellappa is the octogenarian who has got his Doctoral degree in Kannada for his thesis titled 'Shivasharana Dohara Kakkaiah: A Study' from Karnatak University, Dharwad.

Doddamani Markandeya Yellappa

Markandeya had registered with Karnatak University for obtaining a Ph.D degree in Nov. 2006. As he began his research work, his guide Prof. Talwar passed away. Later, he continued his research under the guidance of Ningappa N. Halli, a faculty of Dr. R.C. Hiremath Kannada Studies Chair of Karnatak University. After completing his research, Markandeya presented his thesis to the University in Nov.2023 and subsequently, the thesis was accepted for doctoral degree on Feb.8 this year, after viva-voce exam.

Markandeya Doddamani says that he began his career as a teacher at Ramadurga in Belagavi district. Later, he served in Dharwad, where he did his PUC, BA, MA and B.Ed degrees. He retired after serving at Dharwad DIET in 1994.

He further said that he has 26 works to his credit and is currently running a magazine titled 'Samagara Haralaiah.'

Namma Clinics a hit in Mysuru

Over 46,000 treated from Dec. 2022 till Jan. 2024

Mysuru, Feb.13 (GA&DM)- 'Namma Clinics have been a hit in Mysuru, with a lot of poor people getting health benefits at this next door health facility. As such, the Health and Family Welfare Department is mulling on establishing three more such Clinics in the district.

Three Namma Clinics were set up by the State Government in city — Hootagalli, Srirampura and Yaraganahalli (Rammanahalli) and three others across the district — H.D. Kote, K.R. Nagar and T. Narasipur in Dec.2022 under the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). Namma Clinics will help to screen diseases, especially non-communicable and lifestyle diseases at an early stage, thereby making treatment much quicker and mitigating life threatening complications.

These Clinics function from 9 am to 4 pm in the premises of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) as Sub-centres. Since the launch of Namma Clinics 15 months ago, thousands of poor patients have benefited from this health facility. Considering the growing popularity, the Health Department extended the timings of two clinics in each district of the State till 8 pm.

From April 2023 till the end of January 2024, over 46,000 people have visited the 6 clinics in the district, of whom 23,055 are men and 23,843 are women.

According to District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, the urban population is growing by the day and considering the increasing pressure at PHCs, the Government set up Namma Clinics to cater to the health needs of the urban poor.

Maintaining that the clinics in Mysuru district have been receiving good response from public, he said there are plans to open three more clinics. Free medicines were given to 41,940 patients while 11,465 patients underwent diagnosis at the diagnostic labs in the clinics, he added.

Financial aid distributed to Muguru Karnataka Brahmin students

Financial aid was distributed to the meritorious students of Muguru Karnataka Brahmin community from Bengaluru's Smt. Nagaratnamma, Sri Venkatasubbaiah and Children and Sri Vaidyappa, Smt. Seethamma, Sri Narasimhaiah and Children Religious, Educational Endowment under the aegis of Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha recently. Endowment Head Sheshadri, Anantharamu, Nagaraj Sharma, M.V. Ramesh, Narasimha Sathvik, Puja, Poorvik and Muguru Karnataka Brahmana Sangha President M. Vishwanathaiah, Secretary M.V. Nandakumar, Joint Secretary Rao Somashekar and Sangha Directors were present on the occasion.

Tribal Youth Exchange Programme concludes

Mysuru, Feb. 13 (MTY&VNS)- The six-day 15th Tribal Youth Exchange Programme came to an end with organisers distributing mementos and participation certificates to more than 200 tribal youths, during the valedictory ceremony held at Kaveri Auditorium at Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) premises, in city on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Nehru Yuva Kendra Regional Director (Southern States) M.N. Nataraj called upon the tribal youths to create awareness at their respective hamlets regarding the importance of cordial and harmonious living, the one they had displayed during their stay in Mysuru.

"India has about 45 crore youth population who are in the age group of 15-29 years. The USA had majority youth population about 250 years back and with India having more youths compared to other countries now, the world is watching us. In the days to come, Indians would be dominating in all sectors," he added.

Department of Youth Affairs and Sports (DYES) Deputy Director Manjula, who spoke at the event, said that the programme was organised to promote unity and brotherhood.

Hunsur-based NGO Development through Education (DEED) Director S. Srikanth, Dr. Madhusudan and Dr. Ningaraju of University of Mysore, District Youth Officer Abhishek Chavre and others were present during the occasion.

About 200 tribal youths from eight States including Jharkhand, Bihar and Chhattisgarh took part in the programme jointly organised by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Union Ministry of Home Affairs, DYES, Government of Karnataka, KSOU, CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force), ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police), Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and BSF (Border Security Force).

Winners of Shilpi Cup 2024 Tennis Ball Cricket

Winners — National Institute of Engineering (NIE).

Runners-up — Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE)

Mysuru, Feb. 13- The 9th edition of Shilpi Cup 2024, the Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament tailored exclusively for Civil Engineering students by Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre, was held at SJCE Grounds on Feb. 9 and 10.

Ten Engineering Colleges — SJCE (Civil), SJCE (CTM), NIE, PESCE (Mandya), VVIET, MIT (Mysuru), MIT (Tandavapura), MYCEM, ATME and VVCE — took part in the Tournament. These colleges were set in two groups to frame a 20 league matches schedule. Each college played 4 matches with their group teams.

Among 20 matches played in league, PESCE Mandya and VVCE under group A and MIT Mysuru & NIE from group B were qualified to play semi-finals.

The first semifinal was won by VVCE by 43 runs against MIT Mysuru. **Man of Match:** C. Rithesh (VVCE); **Best Batsman:** C. Rithesh (VVCE); **Best Bowler:** Praful (MIT, Mysuru); **Best Faculty:** Chetan (VVCE).

Second semifinals was won by NIE by 3 wickets over PESCE Mandya. **Man of Match:** Sanjith (NIE); **Best Batsman:** Raju (NIE); **Best Bowler:** Sudeep (NIE); **Best Faculty:** Madhusudhan (PESCE).

Final match was won by NIE by 5 wickets over VVCE, thus clinching the Shilpi Cup 2024. VVCE won runners trophy. **Man of Match:** Gaurav (NIE); **Best Batsman:** Rithesh (VVCE); **Best Bowler:** Sanjeith (NIE); **Best Faculty:** Chetan (VVCE).

NIE clinched the Champions trophy, along with certificates and gift watches, while VVCE received the Runners Cup and certificates for each player.

Highlights: NIE secured the trophy for the first time in 13 years; VVCE set a record score of 146 in 8 overs and Rithesh from VVCE achieved an individual century, marking a historic first in the history of the Shilpi Cup.

Earlier, the Tournament was inaugurated on Feb. 9 with Dr. Santosh Kumar, Hon. Vice-Chancellor of JSS Science & Technological University, as the chief guest and T.N. Hemanth, Past Chairman of BAI Mysore, who initiated the first Shilpi Cup, as the guest of honour. Dr. C. Nataraj, Principal of SJCE, provided the grounds for the tournament.

CricketerAiyappaofBiggBoss-fame was present during the valedictory on Feb. 10 alongside National Vice-President N.S. Muralidhara, who presented the awards. Chairman Nagaraj Bairy presided over the prize distribution, acknowledging the efforts of Shilpi Coordinators A. Dinesh, Bhargav Shinde, T.S. Gurudatta, C. Vishwanath and Sampath for their contributions. Joint Secretary Vasudevan proposed a vote of thanks. Pranav Prabhakara Rao skilfully compered.

BNPM wins GRIC Cricket Tournament 2024

Mysuru, Feb. 13- GRIC Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament - Season 2 was organised by GRIC at Railway Sports Ground in Ashokapuram on Feb. 10 in which four teams — GST Department (Captain: Rahul Yadav), Income Tax Department (Hitesh Sharma), Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (Chethan Bhati) and Bank Note Paper Mill India Pvt. Ltd. (Sharad Prabhakar Desai) — took part.

Bank Note Paper Mill (BNPM) emerged 2nd time Champions of the Tournament while GST Department was runners-up. BNPM Captain Sharad Prabhakar Desai received the winner's trophy. Vinayaka Prabhu of BNPM was awarded Man of the Tournament and Man of the Match (finals); K. Manju of ICAI - Best Fielder of the Tournament; Ankit Sharma of GST Department - Best Batsman of the Tournament; Appa Rao of BNPM - Best Bowler of the Tournament.

WORD OF THE DAY

MacGuffin

Pronunciation: muh-GUFF-in.
Meaning: A MacGuffin is an object, event, or character in a film or story that serves to set and keep the plot in motion despite usually lacking intrinsic importance.
Origin: The first person to use MacGuffin as a word for a plot device was Alfred Hitchcock. He borrowed it from an old shaggy-dog story in which some passengers on a train interrogate a fellow passenger carrying a large, strange-looking package. The fellow says the package contains a "MacGuffin," which, he explains, is used to catch tigers in the Scottish Highlands. When the group protests that there are no tigers in the Highlands, the passenger replies, "Well, then, this must not be a MacGuffin." Hitchcock apparently appreciated the way the mysterious package holds the audience's attention and builds suspense. He recognised that an audience anticipating a solution to a mystery will continue to follow the story even if the initial interest-grabber turns out to be irrelevant.
Example: "... like every Mission: Impossible before it, Dead Reckoning sticks to a tried-and-true formula that essentially acts as a string to connect one action-sequence bead to the next. The set-up: A stealth Russian sub gets attacked by its own torpedoes. The MacGuffin: One cruciform key that the sub's chief officer has in his possession, and which goes missing; once this item is slotted into an identical counterpart, the composite key will unlock... something." — David Fear, Rolling Stone, 5 July 2023

THE ODD WORD

Lollygag

To spend time aimlessly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hit the nail on the head

Meaning: The phrase 'Hit the nail on the head' refers to doing or saying something that is precisely right.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'Hit the nail on the head' is carpentry, although no one is certain when it was first used. This analogy is a wonderfully straightforward one; missing the nail when hammering is imprecise and can cause damage to the surface beneath the hammer. Hitting the nail on the head leads to the desired results.
Example: "You've spotted the flaw, Sally. You hit the nail on the head."

QUOTE BOX

Words are but the signs of ideas.—**Samuel Johnson**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Top secret.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Roman 1200
4 Prefix denoting quantity
8 Legal document
12 Alsace assent
13 Wet behind the ___ : still raw?
14 There's no difficulty taking this
15 Not usual, strange
17 Objectives
18 Deadens
19 Surrealist painter Max
20 "E" in Q.E.D.?
22 Battles or boxes with
24 Where Pago Pago is
26 Jamaican dance music
27 Small drink
30 Ridicules or derides
32 Hope to
34 Even, contracted by a poet ?
35 Lyricist Gershwin
37 Senior in age
38 Small wood
40 Long or indefinite period; an age
41 Like the bread that's a couple of days old?
44 ___ of: make use of?
46 Of planes - as a prefix
47 Lifesize cardboard cutouts
50 Blemish
51 They are currently popular
52 Bribe
53 Has a bite
54 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba? (3,1)
55 It is somewhat smaller than an ocean

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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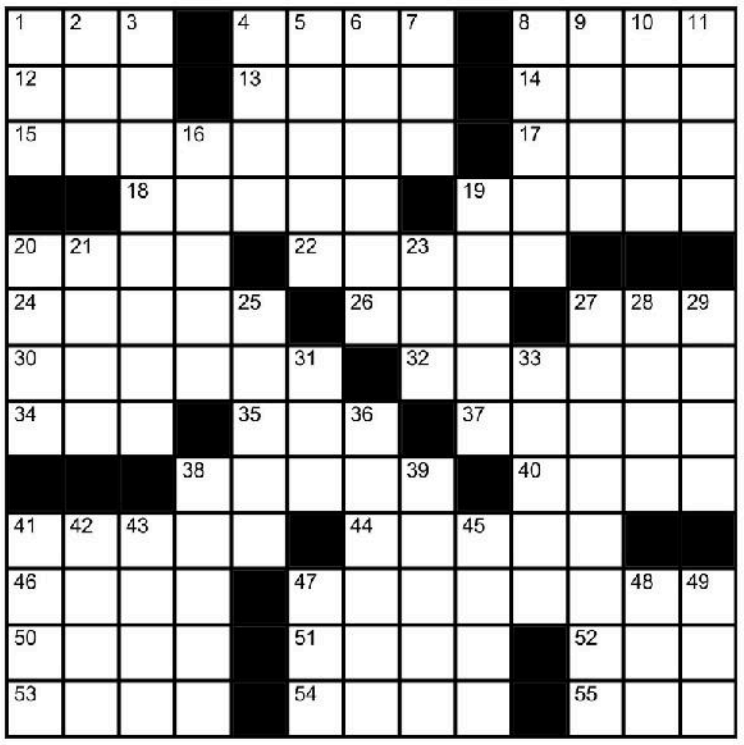
A	A	R	E	■	A	D	A	M	S	A	L	E
P	R	E	V	A	R	I	C	A	T	I	O	N
A	D	L	I	B	■	■	Y	S	E	R	■	■
■	■	■	L	I	N	■	■	A	R	G	U	E
T	H	U	■	T	A	M	I	L	N	A	D	U
Y	E	N	■	P	A	I	S	A	■	M	I	R
R	E	D	H	A	N	D	F	D	■	E	T	O
E	P	E	E	S	■	■	E	O	N	■	■	■
■	■	R	A	T	A	■	■	S	O	R	T	S
A	M	P	L	I	F	I	C	A	T	I	O	N
F	R	I	T	T	E	R	S	■	E	M	M	A
S	I	N	H	■	W	A	T	■	D	E	E	P

DOWN

1 Extinct flightless bird
2 Young animal
3 Spice of yellowish brown colour
4 Microbe
5 Poetic feet of one kind
6 Holds on to firmly or tries to snatch
7 Above sea level
8 Deteriorates with use
9 Water from the clouds
10 Any distinctive doctrines or practices
11 Examine or try
16 Excluded from (3,2)
19 Delete or rub out
20 To be (Latin)
21 Ethnic group
23 Alias initials
25 Blazing
27 Like the Med.
28 Famous cookie
29 Sea bird
31 Sellout sign: abbr.
33 Tartan
36 Embodiment or incarnation
38 Radiates light
39 Avoid or dodge
41 In no danger
42 Weblike membrane - "late" anagram?
43 I smell __ __ : there's something fishy here? (1,3)
45 American National Standards Institute, acronym?
47 Seller-Furnished Equip.
48 Equal opportunity employer abbr
49 Mineral spring - "sap" anagram ?



SUDOKU

8								
			8	7		4		
			3			5		1
4		9	1		2			
	6						2	
			7		5	3		4
1		6			3			
		3		2	7			
								7

Answer to previous puzzle

5	2	3	8	6	1	7	4	9
9	7	6	2	3	4	5	1	8
4	8	1	7	5	9	3	2	6
8	9	5	4	2	3	1	6	7
7	3	2	1	8	6	9	5	4
1	6	4	5	9	7	2	8	3
2	5	9	6	7	8	4	3	1
6	4	7	3	1	2	8	9	5
3	1	8	9	4	5	6	7	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

C KHFT KVD THXKHG C EGHJD LM FDN CQ KSH WFOXDI.

VD KHFT LD KH PYCK NHCQN KH KVHID WFOXDI.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: It is sometimes the height of wisdom to feign stupidity.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Just Pass (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Just Pass (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Upadhyaksha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Eagle (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Eagle (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Lal Salaam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Pranayam (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-1) 10.10 am, 1.10 pm
	(S-3) 4.10 pm
Eagle (Te)	(S-1) 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Pranayam (K)	(S-2) 10.30 am
Just Pass (K)	(S-2) 1.20 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	(S-2) 4.00 pm
Premalu (Ma)	(S-2) 7.15 pm
Aneshwashippin Kandethum (Ma)	(S-2) 10.15 pm
Teri Baatoon Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	(S-3) 10.40 am, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Lover (Ta)	(S-3) 1.20 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4) 10.10 am, 7.10 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	(S-4) 1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
Yatra 2 (Te)	(S-4) 10.00 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	10.10 am, 12.55 pm 6.50 pm, 9.35 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	10.20am,3.40pm,6.25pm,9.30pm
Maaye and Company (K)	:	10.20 am
Just Pass (K)	:	10.25 am, 3.50 pm
Naguvina Hoogala Mele (K)	:	12.20 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, 6.40 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.10 pm, 9.20 pm
Juni (K)	:	2.45 pm
Pranayam (K)	:	5.20 pm
Kaatera (K)	:	7.55 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 3.20 pm 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Fighter (H-2D)	:	11.15 am, 6.50 pm
Fighter (H-3D)	:	10:15 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	11.40 am, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	11.50 am, 3 pm, 6.20 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	12 noon
Lover (Ta)	:	12.15 pm, 6.40 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.40 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	2.55 pm, 10.20 pm
Eagle (Te)	:	3.20 pm, 9.45 pm
Just Pass (K)	:	4.10 pm
Premam (Ma)	:	6.05 pm
Anweshippin Kandethum (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.00 noon
Fighter (H-3D)	:	12.10 pm
Eagle (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	12.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Juni (K)	:	3.35 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	3.50 pm, 6.35 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	7.00 pm
Lover (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

Winners of Mysore Power Premier League Cricket Tournament

Takshvi Thunders won the Mysore Power Premier League (MPPL) - Season 2 Cricket Tournament organised by Sunday Sports Club, in association with CESC and KPTCL, at Sports Pavilion, University of Mysore (UoM), in city on Feb. 10 and 11. Seen are** (from left - standing) **Suman, Viji, Pradeep Kumar, Anand Kolekar, Dilip, Manjunath (Sports Secretary, CESC), Naveen, Devaraju and Shivukumar (Captain);** (kneeling) **Pramodh, Prabhu Prasad, Ananda, Madhusudhan, Sunil, Vishwanath and Nijaguna. The winning team was awarded Rs. 50,000 cash prize and a trophy.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 13)

- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Expo' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Tourism Department, Kannada & Culture Directorate, Bengaluru and Dream Buzz Foundation:** Inauguration of 5-day Sanchalana Children Theatre and Folk Festival, staging of play 'Lamba Karnana Ushnisha' by Sanchalana, Mysuru, written by Leela Garadi and directed by Ashok Ninasam; Staging of play 'Nanna Gopala' by Abhyasi Trust, Chamarajanagar, written by Kuvempu and directed by Kiran Girgi, Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 14)

- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Expo' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysuru, Tourism Department, Kannada & Culture Directorate, Bengaluru and Dream Buzz Foundation:** Inauguration of 5-day Sanchalana Children Theatre and Folk Festival, Dance Ballet 'Punyakoti' by students of Sandal Rose School, directed by Thyagaraju Devarahalli; Staging of play 'Alilu Ramayana' by students of Sandal Rose School, written by Vaidehi and directed by Thyagaraju Devarahalli, Kirurangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-4)	3.35 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	(S-2)	9.40 am, 4.05 pm
	(S-3)	9.30 pm
Eagle (Te)	(S-2)	10.30 pm; (S-3) 2.25 pm
Fighter (H)	(S-4)	12.05 pm
Teri Batoon Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	(S-1)	9.20 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Anweshippin Kandethum (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am; (S-4) 6.50 pm
Lover (Ta)	(S-3)	6.25 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Yatra 2 (Te)	:	10.00 am, 7.10 pm
Lover (Ta)	:	10.25 am, 4.05 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	11.00 am, 6.15 pm
Lal Salaam (Ta)	:	12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Just Pass (K)	:	1.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.15 pm
Eagle (Te)	:	2.55 pm
Juni (K)	:	4.25 pm
Pranayam (K)	:	7.25 pm
Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (H)	:	9.30 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Talk on Kuvempu

Mysuru, Feb. 13- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on 'Kuvempu and Revolution in Ideas & Culture' by **Prof. C. Naganna,** Visiting Professor, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), University Mysore (UoM), on Feb. 17 at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium in Vijayanagar 4th Stage here at 10.30 am.

Also, a documentary on Kuvempu will be screened. The talk is open to all. [Mob: 94498-19536]

Prof. C. Naganna is a poet, critic, translator and public speaker. As an author, he has published 68 books in Kannada and English. Apart from being a Professor at UoM, he has served as Director of Prasaranga, Publication Division of UoM. A number of organisations have felicitated and honoured him in recognition of his services to the fields of Literature and Culture. He received the Rajyotsava Award for Literature in 2023.

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